GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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ROLE OF PRESS CLUB OF INDIA
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Press Club of India in propagating and disseminating the Government information free of cost; and

(b) the concessions being provided by the Government to the club?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) The Press Club of India does not play any direct role in propagating anddisseminating Government information. It is a non-governmental organization managed by the members of the Club. However, as a meeting point for the journalists, at large, it serves as a catalyst for dissemination of information including that about Government`s policies and programmes and comments thereon. Through its activities like `Meet the Press` programmes etc. the Club often invitesopinion makers, ministers, leaders of opposition parties etc. for a direct dialogue with members of the Press.

(b) No concessions are being provided by this Ministry to the Press Club.